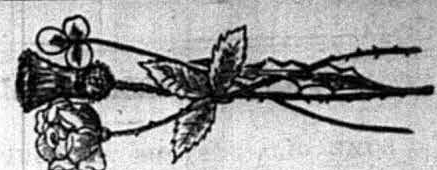




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HALIFAX, N.S., Dec. 23.

Lord Randolph Churchill has resigned from the Cabinet, owing to a disagreement with the Cabinet Admiralty and the War Office, relative to the expenditures. He also disapproved of the home legislative measures in the Cabinet. Gladstone and the leading members of the late Cabinet agree to support the Government in all legal measures for the suppression of the anti-rent campaign, but urge the suspension of evictions. Parnell wants to co-operate with the Gladstonians in his opposition to the anti-rent party.

It is rumored that the anti-rent campaign has been abandoned.

There have been heavy snow-storms in Germany, impeding business and railway communication. The cold is intense.

CAPE RACE, to-day.

Wind N.N.W., fresh, clear and mild; schooners G. G. and Runnymede went west to-day.

OUR ADVERTISING PATRONS.

Auction—cabbage, etc. J. M. Lynch
Auction—beef, etc. Jas. Hynes
Auction—beef, turkeys, etc. Clift, Wood & Co.
Fresh eggs, fresh eggs. M. G. Lash
Baltimore beacon. Shea & Co.
Christmas cheer. John P. Shee
Geese and turkeys. John P. Shee
Fruits, confectionery, etc. A. C. Tupper
Club skates. At Wood's
Canadian apples, etc. Barnes & Co.
Xmas goods. P. Jordan & Sons

AUCTION SALES.

To-morrow (FRIDAY) at 11 o'clock,
By J. M. LYNCH,
At his Room, Beck's Cove,
70 DOZ. Cabbage, 50 pieces Beef and Mutton,
a few quarters prime Beef, 10 pairs
Geese, 10 pairs, Fowl, 3 doz. pairs
Figures, in glass globe, 3 Kerosene Lamps, 6
Kerosene Lamps, (small), 2 doz. glass Jugs, 6 large
Waters, 2 doz. small Waiters, 2 doz. Bread pans
and 8 doz. small Tin Pans, 6 shawls, 2 doz. white
Shirts, a lot pictures, 20 pairs Boots, 20 doz.
Brushes, (assorted), 1 doz. pairs Decanters and 10
doz. Glasses. dec 23

To-morrow (FRIDAY), at 11 o'clock,
By JAMES HYNES,
(AT HIS ROOMS, OPPOSITE JOB BROS. & CO.)
25 QTRS. prime fresh Beef, 25 carcasses Lamb,
30 choice Hams, 30 cases shell Oysters,
10 boxes Biscuits, (assorted), 5 brls.
Pilot Biscuits, 10 boxes Raisins, 10 brls of Pork
Loins, 50 tubs Butter, 10 boxes smoked Herring,
10 cases corned Meats, 30 sacks Turnips, 300 pieces
Beef and Mutton. And, at 12 o'clock, 30 Turkeys
and 100 doz. large white cabbage dec 23

To-morrow, (FRIDAY), at 11 o'clock,
ON THE WHARF OF
Clift, Wood & Co.,
20 brls prime fresh BEEF,
Lot prime fresh Turkeys, Geese,
Ducks and Chickens,
20 brls. winter keeping Apples. dec 23

New Advertisements.

Fresh Eggs! Fresh Eggs!!

Per steamer "Portia,"
500 Doz.
Fresh Eggs
FOR SALE BY
M. G. Lash.
dec 23, 21, fp

JUST LANDED,
ex Carthaginian.

A Small Quantity of Choice
Baltimore BACON.
SHEA & CO.
dec 23, 21, fp

Just Received,
per "Carthaginian" from Halifax,
—A CHOICE LOT OF—
Geese & Turkeys
JOHN P. SHEA.
dec 23, 21, fp

New Advertisements.

Xmas Goods.

Just Received by the Subscriber,

AT HIS PROVISION & GROCERY STORES, Nos. 178 & 180, WATER STREET,
Per steamer "Nova Scotian," from Liverpool,
30 boxes and half-chests NEW TEAS
(of the best quality and choicest brands)

10 BOXES ORANGES, 20 tins COFFEE—7lbs each, 100 tins COFFEE—1lb each. Also, RAISINS
and Currants—new fruit. — And by "Miranda"—Corn Beef—in brls and half-brls.
Corn Beef—in tins, 1 & 2lb each. A LOT OF FIVE TURKEYS in prime order,
Sausages, Fancy Biscuits in every variety, together with a well-assorted stock of CIGARS of the
most popular brands. GREAT BARGAINS may be expected during the next fortnight.

A. P. JORDAN

101 Water St. East. S. O. STEELE 101 Water St. East.

CHRISTMAS 1886.

New and Seasonable Millinery Goods. The most RECHERCHE collection in the city.

S. O. would call special attention to his large and varied assortment of Ladies' Hats, Bonnets
Flowers, Feathers, Trimmings, &c., which have all been personally selected, and comprise the
latest LONDON and PARISIAN Novelties.

—A FEW SPECIAL LOTS IN—

AIGRETTES, FEATHERS, FLOWERS, WREATHS, &c., FOR EVENING WEAR

Ladies Hats and Bonnets renovated and altered to present Fashions.
N.B.—As we cannot show our "exclusive" patterns in Window, Ladies will please visit our
SHOW ROOM and judge for themselves

101. Water Street East { S. O. STEELE } 101 Water Street, East.
dec 16 3i, fp, t, s, & t

Oranges, Raisins GRAPES & LEMONS,

Per Nova Scotian,

WHOLESALE—CHEAP FOR CASH.

dec 18, fp J. W. FORAN.

O'DWYER'S

—SALE OF—

Surplus Stock Continues during next two weeks,

and those wanting Dry Goods should take advantage of it and get really good value for their money.

The balance of the Stock will be SOLD VERY CHEAP; in fact, Great Bargains will be given in all Departments.

The Public will please take notice that all Goods bought at this sale must be paid for on or before delivery. No Goods on approval.

R. O'DWYER - 289 WATER STREET.
dec 15, fp.

Mikado Fans!

A splendid assortment of
Fans of every description,
From 10 cts. to \$16 each.

A BEAUTIFUL SELECTION OF
CHRISTMAS CARDS,
(in plush, velvet and satin, from 2 cts. to \$5 each.)
The above will be sold cheap to clear off,
during the next few days.

N. OHMAN,
Atlantic Hotel Building, Water-St.

Still it Comes! The Public will have it!

ADAMANTINE,

'EXTREMELY HARD: HARD AS ADAMANT.'

We are just in receipt, by stmr. "Miranda," of

300 SIDES "ADAMANTINE" SOLE LEATHER.

This celebrated Leather is so very superior to any other brand that comes into the market, that it has won a favorable reception everywhere. Where it is once received it is always welcomed. It comes to stay; the friend of all.

A town in siege: it was held in consultation
Which was the best method of fortification.
A grave, skilful mason gave his opinion,
That nothing but stone could secure the dominion.
A carpenter said, "That was well spoke,
But it would be much better defended with oak."
A currier, being wiser than both these together,
Said, "Try what you please, Sirs, there's nothing like (Adamantine) Leather."

Bowring Brothers.

dec 11, fp

New Advertisements.

Christmas Cheer, TO SUIT THE TIMES.

John Steer

Will sell during Xmas and New Year Week
Raisins, Currants, Sugar, Citron,
Lemon Peel and other Groceries
(at specially reduced prices.)

—ALSO, JUST RECEIVED—
500 barrels Choice Family FLOUR,
150 packages TEA,
which will be sold at almost cost. Cheap sale will
continue to December 31st. Also in Dry Goods
—Shop—

FANCY GOODS,

suitable for Xmas Presents, very cheap. Lay in
your stock before all sold.
dec 23, 4i, fp, t, s, & t

Father Christmas

Has come by the S. S. Portia, with one of the
Largest and Finest Assortment of
FRUITS, CONFECTIONERY, Etc.,
Ever brought to St. John's for the Christmas
—Times—

Oranges Florida—choice and sweet
Choice W. J. Sweet
Valencia—choice.

Apples. Choice Table, and
Choice Cooking.
Choice Lemons.

Pears Jargonilla
Le Bon Chretien

Grapes Catawba
Almeria

Choice new Figs in 1lb, 1lb, and 1lb Boxes,
Cocoa-nuts, Almonds, Walnuts, Filberts, Brazil,
Pecans and Pea-nuts.

No. 1 Dates, best London Layer Raisins, Fine
Biscuits.

A large Assortment of Fine and Extra Fine,
N. Y. CONFECTIONERY,
In Cornucopias, Bags, Boxes, and
many other kinds of Fancy Packages.

Fresh Oysters, a few very choice TURKEYS,
DUCKS, GEESSE and CHICKENS.

New York Sausage (a Superior Article.)
Pumpkins, Squash and Celery—Also a
Small Ass'tment of Cut Flowers. Come
early. All at "THE QUEEN'S"

We have manufactured for him one of our
finest assortments of delicious and superb Candy,
Creams and caramels—P. & E. H. J.

Try them at the Queen's.
A. C. TUPPER,
158 WATER STREET.
His Agent

dec 23.

A Chance in a Lifetime!

100 PAIRS

Strap'd Club Skates

(at 2s. 6d. per pair.) Also,
A few pairs Ladies' Skates,
(Strapped)

WOODS'S,
193, Water Street.

FOR SALE BY BARNES & CO.,

JUST RECEIVED.
50 brls Choice Canadian APPLES
20 cases Choice ORANGES,
20 kegs Choice GRAPES,
50 brls. Choice Grocery Sugar,
25 brls Choice American cut loaf Sugar
100 pairs Refined LARD,
50 brls Family Mess PORK—Light.
50 Sides American Sole LEATHER.
—dec 23.

Port, Sherry & Other Wines.

On Sale by the Subscribers,

Choice Old Port Wine
Choice Old Sherry Wine
Choice Amentillado Wine
Ginger Wine Zeedone, &c. &c., Burdandy
Zeedone, Sparkling Zeedone.

Sauterne, Chables & other French Wines.
60 Cases Sparkling

Champagne and Moselle
(RELIABLE BRAND.)
60 Cases Claret.

PEEBLE'S CELEBRATED WHISKY—OLD
(** cases.)

Martell's Pale Brandy and
Old Jamaica.

HAYWARD & CO.
dec 15, 3w, fp, cod

GOVERNMENT NOTICE

ALL PARTIES having CLAIMS against the
BOARD OF WORKS, will please furnish the
same, duly certified, not later than THURS-
DAY, 23rd instant. By order,

W. R. STIRLING,
Board of Works Office,
15th December, 1886, } pro Sec'y.

New Advertisements.

Sugar. Raisins. Butter.

JUST LANDED.
25 brls Cut Loaf Sugar,
(Haviney & Elder.)

100 boxes Loose Muscatel Raisins—"new."
10 boxes Layer Raisins—"choice table fruit"
50 tubs Choice Morrisburg Butter.

T. & M. WINTER.

Newfoundland.

No. 1, 1886.

TO MARINERS.

Ireland's Island, LaPoile Bay.

Latitude . . . 47° 37' 52" N.
Longitude . . . 58° 22' 13" W.

A circular IRON Tower and a wood Keeper's
dwelling (16 feet apart, and bearing W.S.W. from
each other) have been erected on the above-named
Island, where there will be exhibited nightly, on
and after this date, from sunset to sunrise,

A 5th Order Holophotal Revolving
White Light,

showing alternate flashes and total eclipses, its
greatest brilliancy being attained at periods of 12
seconds. It illuminates the whole horizon to a
distance of 9 1/2 miles.

From highwater to base of Tower . . . 32 feet.
From base to centre of Light . . . 35 feet.
From highwater to base of Vane . . . 71 feet.

The house and tower are painted red and white,
in alternate horizontal bands, continuous around
both buildings. (By order,)

W. R. STIRLING,
Board of Works Office,
4th December, 1886. } pro Secretary.
1m, fp

Just Received at the BAVARIAN BEER DEPOT.

a fresh supply of
B. & P.'S LONDON INVALID STOUT,
Xmas Beer, Choice Havana Cigars
Cigarettes and Tobaccos.

Also, PIPES, CIGAR-HOLDERS, XMAS CARDS
MECHANICAL TOYS, MUSIC BOXES, &c.
dec 19, fp

Standard Marble Works
287 Gower Street, foot Theatre Hill, St. John's, Nfld.

Monuments, Headstones, Tombs,
Mantel Pieces,
And every description of Marble Work
in the newest and most artistic designs, executed with
neatness and dispatch.

Intending purchasers will find it to their advantage to call and
examine our collection before purchasing elsewhere. Prices extremely
low to suit the times. Designs sent by mail or otherwise, on application. A call solicited.

JAMES MCINTYRE.
sep 29, 2m, 2fp

Remember the address—287 Gower Street.

CAUTION.

THE PUBLIC ARE HEREBY CAUTIONED
from taking the following Orders on the Chair-
man of the Board of Works, stolen on the
night of the 2nd inst. at Fogo, as payment has
been stopped by Mr. Rolls, viz.:

One Special Order, No. 44, signed Abraham
Anthony, favor Eli Cull and others. . . \$40.00

One Special Order, No. 18, signed Thomas
C. Duder, favor John Cull. . . 16.20

One Special Order, No. 25, signed Thomas
C. Duder, favor Henry Cull. . . 16.20

One Special Order, No. 26, signed Thomas
C. Duder, favor Adam Randle. . . 12.00

One Special Order, No. 13, dated Nov. 11,
signed Abraham Anthony favor Christo-
pher Cobb. . . 4.99

One Special Order, No. 32, Nov. 12, signed
Abraham Anthony, favor Wm. Cull. . . 8.00

One Main Line Order, No. 19, Oct. 19, signed
Abraham Anthony, favor Hy Cull. . . 6.00

(By order.)
W. R. STIRLING,
Pro Secretary.

BOARD OF WORKS OFFICE,
16th December, 1886. } d16, 1w, fp

Wanted:

A SITTING AND BEDROOM IN
private house, in central part of
the town, with or without attend-
ance. Address "X," P. O. Box, 755. d4, 2i

THE UNIVERSAL HOLIDAY.

SOME OLD CUSTOMS AND SUPERSTITIONS REGARDING CHRISTMAS.

Associated with the world-wide celebration of the sacred festival in memory of the advent of Jesus the Christ, is the gift of presents, the exchange of cards, the singing of carols, the decoration of churches and private residences, and the good wishes bestowed from friend to friend all the world over. In our own country and in many other lands this happy time comes in the dead season of the year, when out-of-door flowers have departed, and when there are leafless limbs and cheerless landscapes. But the inner life and the home life is made merry with the laugh of happy children gathered round the Christmas tree.

Many suggestions are found regarding the coming of Christ, which directly bear upon the long continued custom of decorating churches and houses with evergreens. A few of these seem to directly establish the certainty that such is the case. "The glory of Lebanon shall come unto thee, the fir tree, the pine tree and the box together, to beautify the place of my sanctuary." Isaiah lx:13. There are many instances in which the Saviour is likened to a branch, thus adding further significance to the use of branches at Christmas time. Zechariah, speaking of the promised Messiah, says in chapter iii, verse 8. "I will bring forth my servant the Branch." Ezekiel xlvii: 22, 23, gives God's promise of prosperity thus: "I will take of the highest branch of the high cedar and will set it, I will crop off from the top of his young twigs a tender one, and will plant it upon a high mountain and eminent, in the mountain of the height of Israel will I plant it, and it shall bring forth boughs and bear fruit and be a goodly cedar, and under it shall dwell all fowl of every wing, in the shadow of the branches thereof shall they dwell." Isaiah iv: 2: "In that day shall the branch of the Lord be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and comely for them that are escaped of Israel."

The present mode of observing the Christmas Day is too well known to admit of discussion, but it may not be uninteresting to turn to some of the time-honored customs and ceremonies formerly characterizing its celebration in England, many of which are now abolished.

Among the antique customs incident to the day in our motherland, was the burning of the Christmas candle, which was lighted in some houses on Christmas morning and left until the close of the day, unless it burned out, or was accidentally otherwise extinguished before sunset. Should such be the case it portended evil to the family during the ensuing year. The custom of giving presents on that day of ancient origin, and many persons kept accounts of gifts then received in Christmas books prepared for that purpose.

The Christmas menu of the past was not wholly unlike that of the present day. Among the list of viands might be found the boar's head, usually the first dish served, with "plum porridge, a sort of soup with plums, which has according to some, degenerated into the modern plum pudding." The mince pies of our day, considered so essential in the bill of fare, were then known as mutton pies, shred, and Christmas pies.

The official duties on Christmas Day of the Mayor and Corporation of London in the Fifteenth century, were, first, to go for a drive, then, as soberly as possible, to attend church. This was followed by dinner, which, being over, the Mayor, Aldermen and Sheriffs, with their representative liveries, and the substantial men of the several mysteries, met in the Church of St. Thomas of Acon. When all had there assembled, they left the Church in procession and wended to the Cathedral of St. Paul. At this service all the dignitaries were obliged to remain during the entire exercise. Returning to the Church of St. Thomas each man made an offering to charity of the small sum—one penny.

Christmas ceremonies in Yorkshire, at the beginning of the present century, were begun at 6 o'clock in the morning. The singing of waits was followed by a service at 11 o'clock in the various churches, the interior of which were adorned with holly, the greens remaining undisturbed until Good Friday. Whole oxen and sheep were roasted, and to each individual a pint of ale was given in the parishes by the land-owners and clergy.

At North Riding, from Martinsmas until Christmas Eve, a party of woman singers carried about the streets an image of the Blessed Lord. This image was moulded from wax and adorned with evergreens. During nearly all of the time the women chanted weird music. The people enjoyed a feast of

cheese marked with the sign of the cross, and formerly made of barley and meal, and the Yule log was burned on the hearth.

There still remain, in some places, curious remnants of old local customs. But a few years ago, in Leeds and its neighborhood, it was a common occurrence for children to go from house to house carrying a kind of bower made of evergreens, inside of which were two dolls, representing the infant Saviour and His mother. In some portions of Northumberland sweet-meats called "Yule babies," were given to children; and in the North Riding of Yorkshire, each guest was honored with a portion of "pepper-cake," a piece of cheese and a glass of gin.

On Christmas morning the bell-man at Bewdley, Worcestershire, used to go through the town, ringing his bell, and singing the following:

"Arise, mistress, arise,
And make your tarts and pies,
And let your maids be still;
For, if they should rise and spoil your pies,
You'd take it very ill.
Whilst you are sleeping in your bed,
I the cold wintry nights must tread
Past twelve o'clock," etc.

Peltier tells us in his work entitled Paris pendant l'Annee, 1798: "The first records of their abolition of the old festivals of the Church, including Christmas, the observance of which was forbidden by the Puritans in England, and (it is said) is not kept up, even now, by some Nonconformist bodies." However it is still the custom in some portions of Cornwall for each household to make a batch of currant cakes, which are colored with saffron. "The only peculiarity of these cakes is that a small portion of the dough, in the centre of the top of each, is pulled up and made into a form which resembles a very small cake on the top of the large one, and this centre piece is especially called 'the Christmas.' Each person in the house has his or her special cake, and every ought to taste a small piece of every other persons' cake. Similar cakes are bestowed on the hangers-on of the establishment, and even some individuals who are in receipt of charity call, as a matter of course, for the Christmas cake. The cakes must not be cut until Christmas day, it being unlucky to eat them sooner."

Many superstitions cluster round this season. In not a few portions of England much importance is attached to the circumstance, whether a light or a dark haired person is the first to enter a house on Christmas morning; light haired individuals being supposed to bring ill-luck. In some portions of Yorkshire a male must be the first to enter a house, a female on no account being allowed to pass the threshold. In the North of England, the poorer classes are tenacious of giving a light of any kind to a neighbor on Christmas day, as by so doing it is believed to ensure evil consequences.

In Worcestershire it is considered good luck for new shoes or tanned leather to be received in a house during holiday week. In Herefordshire it has been the custom of the farmers to give their beasts a good feed of hay instead of straw, in order to secure good success with them during the ensuing year. There was an old superstition that oxen if found on their knees in their stalls, were in an attitude of devotion, and that since the alteration of the style they do this only on the eve of Christmas Day.

Bees are supposed to make a humming noise at the time when the Saviour was born.

Not more than three or four years ago there was a custom in Lancashire in which Christmas morning was observed by each boy and girl. They went alone from house to house, and sang outside the door:

"I knock at the knocker,
I ring at the bell;
Please give me a penny
For singing this so well."

Old records tell us that in Herefordshire and Worcestershire, on retiring for the night, stockings were placed outside the bedroom door, with the expectation that some mythical being would fill them before morning. From what region of earth or air this benevolent invisible takes flight has been of late years discovered, at least here in our Santa Claus.

Other superstitions are rife regarding many Christmas customs. One of these and, perhaps, more interesting than many others, is assumed by William Mainsbury in "Antiquities of Christianity." From "Frecuphere" we call the following: "While Philip the Apostle preached the Word in Gaul, he selected from his disciples twelve men, whom he sent into Britain to preach the Gospel. His dear friend, Joseph of Arimathea, he appointed Commander-in-Chief. These, according to Merlin and Merlin for vouchers, came into the land in the year of Christ's incarnation, in the time of Aroiragus, who gave to them the isle of Avalon, where they built an oratory of Mythea (sic) Wards or boughs, which was the first Christian Church, if one may call it, which was erected in Britain. We find this custom was followed for the first time in building the Christian churches in Britain of boughs." The writer states that it is his belief that the custom of adorning with evergreens churches and houses, since that time, at Christmas, originated with Philip the Apostle.

ANNA L. WARD.

Builders' Supply Store.

JUST RECEIVED,

251 Barrel

"Diamond Brand" Plaster.

We claim that this is the only Calced Plaster that will allow 20 minutes to use before setting. It is selected from "Pure White Gypsum." Every barrel of this brand is tested, and is warranted in every respect.

WILLIAM CAMPBELL, Agent.

Christmas Annuals, Magazines & New Books.

CHRISTMAS Nos. Graphic, Illustrated London News, Pictorial World, London Society, Truth Illustrated, Young Ladies Journal, for January, Family Herald, London Journal, Boys of England, and others for December.

John Leech's Pictures, elegantly bound. Pictorial Cabinet of Marvels, Handy Vol. Shakespeare Complete in box, Handy Vol. Tennyson, 12 Vols. in box, Christian Treasury, Vol. 1886. Morley's Universal Library, Vol. 41. Routledge's World Library, Sundry Vols. A Marked Man, by Faucet Streets, etc. etc.

J. F. CHISHOLM.

THE CONSOLIDATED FOUNDRY CO., (LTD.)

Have on hand a large stock of

CAST IRON WARE

—COMPRISING—

WINCH & PATENT WINPLASSES, HAWSER PIPES, CHOCKS & SHEAVES, PATENT & STEERING GEAR.

SCHOOL DESKS (with the most modern improvements) and GARDEN SEATS—either in castings or completed.

Ornamental Cast and Wrought Iron FENCES—suitable for the front of private residences, grave yards or other purposes. A variety of patterns for cast iron CRESTING & FINIALS to ornament tops of buildings, &c.

They invite inspection of their assortment of patterns.

Oats. Potatoes. Turnips.

On Sale by Clift, Wood & Co., 200 barrels Potatoes, 1147 bushel Oats, 50 bushels Turnips.

The cargo of the schooner 'Annie Lewis,' from Souris, P.E. Island.

J. M. LYNCH,

Auctioneer - and - Commission - Agent, BECK'S COVE.

BLACK SMITHING.

THE SUBSCRIBER begs to acquaint his many friends, and the public generally, that he has recently opened that FORGE formerly occupied by the late MR. JOHN KELLY, opposite the wharf of Messrs. W. & G. RENDELL, Water-street, where he is prepared to do all kinds of BLACK SMITH WORK, SHIP, FARM and JOBBING. HORSE-SHOEING a specialty. Satisfaction guaranteed. Prices moderate, to suit the hard times. A trial solicited from the most fastidious.

CHARLES TRENCHARD, Water-Street, East.

129--Water Street--129

Ladies' Fur-lined Cloaks—at half price
Fur Trimmings (all widths) in Black, Brown and A lot of Muffs—less than cost [Grey—very cheap
Ladies' Fur-Capes—very cheap
Womens' & Childrens' Jackets—very low prices
200 Pairs Mens' Pants—from 4s 6d
100 Mens' Blue Serge Coats—cheap
50 Mens' Heavy Overcoats

Lot Mens' Diagonal and Beaver Overcoats—at cost
Boots and Shoes—cheaper than ever [price

R. HARVEY.

BAZAAR.

Under the patronage of Lady Des Vaux.

A BAZAAR, in aid of the "CATHEDRAL COMPLETION FUND," will be held early in October, 1887. Contributions kindly sent by friends in St. John's or the Outports will be thankfully received by any of the following ladies who form the committee:

Mrs. Jones, president; Mrs. A. C. Wood and Mrs. Rouse, vice-presidents; Mrs. Grey, treasurer; Lady Whiteway, Mrs. P. Emerson, Mrs. H. Goodridge, Mrs. A. W. Harvey, Mrs. C. Piusent, Mrs. F. LeMessurier, Mrs. C. Ellis, Mrs. J. Goodridge, Mrs. J. S. Winter, Mrs. Horwell, Mrs. G. Hutchings, Miss Winter, Miss Rouse.

M. C. WITHERS, Secretary.

The 2,000

Young Men and Women

who left Newfoundland during the present year, want their friends to send them some of S. H. P. ALEXSON'S "Christmas Cards" of Scenes in Old Terra Nova. We have a superior collection—some thousands of subjects—ahead of anything ever produced in this country.

If you want your friends (in a foreign country) to receive something that will be fully appreciated, and will make their hearts warm towards the dear ones left behind, to be kept as a memento or souvenir of "Home, Sweet Home," send them some of these cards; and those that have friends in a warm climate, send them a refrigerator—our icebergs are photographed and tinted so natural! It will make them cool to look at one. There are over 5000 subject to select from, which embrace some of the prettiest and most artistic bits of scenery about St. John's, and within a radius of 100 miles; the names and places would be too numerous to specify in an ordinary advertisement.

Fine Art Emporium --- 310 Water Street.
And at late "Tremont House," Duckworth Street.

Just Received by the Subscriber,

AT HIS PROVISION & GROCERY STORES, Nos. 178 & 180, WATER STREET,
10 brls Mess Beef, 5 half-brls Mess Beef, 10 cases
Corned Beef--1 & 2lb tins.

—AND IN STOCK—

30 BOXES VALENCIA RAISINS—new fruit—2lb boxes, 10 cases CURRANTS—new fruit,
10 brls Sugar—canary color, 10 brls Sugar—bright color, 20 firkins best Butter—new,
20 firkins best Butter—second quality, 20 half-chests Tea—this seasons. —ALSO—Bread
Flour, Heavy Mess Pork, Family Mess Loins, &c. AND 50 boxes Fancy Biscuits, viz.: Soda, Boston,
Pilot, Lemon, Fruit, Sweet Wine, Sugar, Ginger, &c.

TOBACCOS--Smoking and Chewing--Cut Plug, Gold Leaf, and other choice brands.

Royal Baking Powders, Pure Gold Baking Powder, Morton's Baking Powder, Rice, Sago, Arrowroot,
Barley, Grey's Jams, Jelly—in bottles.

A. P. JORDAN

The Fishermen and Sailor's Home,

DUCKWORTH STREET, ST. JOHN'S, N. F.

This Institution has been opened expressly with the view of accommodating Fishermen and Sailors
—visiting St. John's,—

With Comfortable Board and Lodging or Meals,
AT A REASONABLE PRICE.

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Under a Shadow.

BY THE AUTHOR OF "DORA THORNE."

CHAPTER XXIV.—(Continued.)

THE PANGS OF JEALOUSY.

Suddenly she laid her hand on his with a touch that compelled him to attend, "Arthur," she said, "you are looking at some face in the depths of the water."

He turned on her a startled glance, full of apprehension. "You are looking at some face," she said, "and it is not mine."

He laughed—he always did when words failed him. "Whose face should it be, Alison?" "I don't know, but I am sure is not mine. You looked startled when I am spoke; and had forgotten me—forgot-ten me."

Her voice died away in a wail of pain; it was incredible that he should have forgotten her.

"I shall have a scene if I am not careful," thought the colonel. "Oh these women and their fancies, there is no end to them! My dearest Alison, I wrapped in what poetical people like you call meditation. You asked me if those stars were all worlds; I was thinking of it."

"Were you really?" she asked, faintly for the shock had been like a blow to her.

"Really; and my opinion is that they are just little lamps in the sky, nothing more."

She laughed, as he had intended her to laugh, but the sound was dreary enough. Her very heart had grown cold with the conviction that he had forgotten her. He was the very pulse of her heart—she lived in and only for him; no matter what she was doing, no matter what engaged her, she thought only of one thing—that was her lover. She could not remember that she had ever forgotten him for one moment. Here was a night, all poetry, all moonlight, all beauty, when love should have been all-waking, when the sweet, solemn silence, the starlit heavens, the fragrance of flowers, the music that filled the air, should all have made her doubly dear to him—he had forgotten her.

She shuddered—she felt faint, cold, and ill. Was it a foreboding of what was coming that seized the helpless girl? She was very beautiful—she had been passionately loved for the space of a few months; did some foreboding of the dark future come over her?

Colonel Montague bent over her. He had this strange peculiarity—he cowed woman's heart with all the impunity in the world; he thought nothing of it; it was made for amusement of sovereign man; but he could not endure to see pain. When Alison spoke to him, and he heard the heart-ache in her voice, it amazed him; when she drew the shawl round her shoulders and seemed to feel cold, he was distressed.

"This mantle affair of yours is too thin, Alison," he said; "you are chilled. I will take off my coat and wrap you in it, then I will row you quickly home. There is often a cool breeze on the river on these warm evenings."

She would not hear of it first—he should not take off his coat for her; then when she remembered how sweet it was to be so cared for, she consented. He wrapped her up warmly, and kissed the lovely face; then Alison smiled. How foolish she had been, she thought; whose face but hers would he see in the water? Whom did he love save herself?

"I have been unjust to him," she thought; and he never knew why she bent her head and kissed his hands with such passionate love.

"I was jealous, Arthur," she said. "I am not cold, but I never was jealous before in all my life. It is such a strange pain—so sharp and so terrible, it burns like a hot dagger in one's heart: it made me cold, sick, and faint."

"Jealous of what?" asked the Red Lancer, laughingly.

"The face I thought you saw in the water. I know you love me—I know it was mine. I ought not to be so foolish."

"I should think not, Allie; nothing on earth tires a man so much as jealousy. I believe, and believe honestly, that I should grow to hate the woman I love best if she were jealous of me."

"To hate her?" said Alison.

"Yes; what can be more annoying? Pretty faces were made to be loved

and admired. Why need one woman be jealous of another?

A spasm of pain crossed Alison's face. "But, Arthur," she said wistfully, "you do not love all faces alike, there is no other face you love like mine?"

"That goes without saying, Alison; but no one ever loves jealous woman."

"I will not be jealous," she said; "I could not be. If that pain is jealousy, I should die of it—it is too sharp to bear and live. I shall always remember the Arno Arthur; I remember the first moment and the first spot in which I ever felt what love was—now I shall never forget the time when I first felt jealousy."

She was silent for a few minutes, then she went on:

"It is a swift, deep river; I wonder what secrets it holds?—I wonder if a woman's dead face had ever floated on it? What rest there must be, Arthur, down in the depths! Do you know, I could fancy a hand beckoning me to go there? If ever—oh! Heaven forbid the time should come—if ever I lost you, Arthur—if you died—I should come straight to this river, and fling myself in!"

"I hope you will do no such a thing, Allison. I have no intention of dying if I can help it. I shall live as long as I can. I love life, but if ever anything did happen to me, it would be absurd for you to drown yourself."

"Still I should do it, just in this spot here, where I have first felt that terrible fire men call jealousy. I could almost fancy that I see my own face talking nonsense," said the colonel. She raised her face to his.

"Is it nonsense, Arthur? If I died, should you not want to drown yourself?"

"Indeed I should not," he thought to himself, but his answer was a diplomatic one.

"No matter how grieved I might feel," he said, "I should never think of that."

"I should. Oh! Arthur, think of days and nights were you not; it could not be—I could not live. I should come here to the river side, and cry out your name as I flung myself in."

"Then, for your sake, I must not die, Alison," he said, jokingly.

But it was not of death he was thinking, but of what she would do when he had grown quite tired of her—when he had arranged matters to settle in life—when we must bid her good-by and tell her the short-lived farce was played out. What would she do then?

"There is no need of trouble about it before the times comes," he thought; and, so thinking, he rowed quickly home.

CHAPTER XXV.

BECOMING SUSPICIOUS.

Colonel Montague was on his guard for a few days after that. The pain in the girl's face touched him, the pain in the voice had reached him. He had quite decided in his own mind that whenever matters arrived at such a crises that parting would be necessary, he should go away unknown to her, then write and tell her her fate. He could not endure to witness her pain, her agony; and he had some faint idea of what she would suffer when it was known. He was more guarded. She might just as well be happy while she could; and if kisses, kind words, and attention could make her happy, thought the colonel, with a shrug of his shoulders, why she was quite welcome to them.

Three days passed very happily. True that each day he found some business in Florence, but then, when he returned, he brought some little present that she had liked best; it was a bouquet of red roses, each one so beautiful, so perfect, that it might served as a model. Alison had been overjoyed at receiving it.

He must love me to give me such flowers, she thought; jewels meant nothing, roses mean love.

"Alison," said the colonel, one day, "will you go with me? I have some few orders for the shops. I want to call at a jeweler's."

They walked into Florence together; the morning was so fine that it seemed really useless driving. It was too early for the colonel to meet any of his English friends, or he would not have asked Alison. On the way they passed Bianchi's the florist's, from whom the colonel always procured his flowers.

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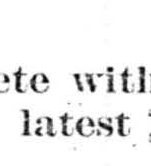
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Daily Colonist.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1886.

OUR CHRISTMAS NUMBER.

In presenting the DAILY COLONIST CHRISTMAS NUMBER to our readers, this evening—strictly in accordance with the terms of our prospectus, which said it would be published on or before Christmas Eve—we very heartily wish them a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

They will see in its pages illustrations of scenes and faces which will please their eyes. They will find in its columns happy thoughts and heroic incidents which will make their hearts glow with love of country and kindred. We have kept the object steadily in view of making this publication "one of present interest and permanent value to the people of Newfoundland," and this idea permeates every one of its pages.

The frontispiece, or title page, is the key, so to speak, to "the good things" enclosed within the covers. It represents TERRA NOVA, young and beautiful, enthroned, though uncrowned, near a rock-bound shore. The sceptre in her right hand suggests that she is self-governing, and the shield beside her that she is under the protection of Britannia. In her left hand is the Cornucopia—horn of plenty—reminding us that within our reach, if properly developed, are resources in abundance for all. The figure of the globe near by, signifies that she is emerging from the obscurity of the past, and is becoming known to the world. The views on either hand indicate plainly the two main sources from which Terra Nova obtains sustenance—her teeming fisheries and her smiling farms. Within the three panels beneath, our artist gives us a glimpse of the other valuable industries of the country—the seal-fishery, the mines and manufactures, and also the railway as indicative of progress. Most fittingly is Terra Nova "supported"—to use the heraldic term—by a fisherman and a farmer, right and left of her, for to no other class of men is she more largely indebted than to these. Hovering overhead is a dove, bringing, at this season of good-will, a fern-leaf, as the emblem of peace, to heal all our discord. On the steps, at the foot of the throne, are words which recall to our recollection that religion is the only basis of all true learning, good government and real greatness. The arch above and the pillars are gracefully wreathed with holly and myrtle, and intertwined among them are the rose, shamrock, thistle and fern representing England, Ireland, Scotland and "that portion of greater Britain—Newfoundland." The motto "HÆC TIBI DONA FERRO," denotes the offering of good will, love of country, home industries, literature, art, science and religion, which the DAILY COLONIST presents to its readers, and the sublime words appropriately placed above, GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO, bring before our mind Him to whom the honor and praise for all should be given.

This grand ideal representation, of what may be called the new coat-of-arms of Newfoundland, is the work of Mr. John W. Nichols, and reflects the highest credit upon his genius and patriotism.

The execution of this and the other illustrations is the work of the Pictorial Bureau of the Press, Philadelphia, whose skill and despatch in executing orders given them show that they have great facilities for doing the finest engravings in the shortest possible time. The winter and summer scenes, the splendid picture of the Grand Altar of St. John's Cathedral, and several of the

other illustrations, are from photographs taken by our clever fellow townsman, Mr. S. H. Parsons, whose taste and skill, we are pleased to learn, are being recognized even beyond our shores. In our illustrations the artists and engravers have aimed at producing perfect gems of art rather than in making large, flashy pictures. The merit of an engraving does not consist in its size; otherwise a sign-board would be of greater intrinsic value than the chef d'œuvres of a Raphael or a Murillo.

The prizes offered by the COLONIST PRINTING AND PUBLISHING COMPANY for the best poem and the best story have proved a success in encouraging the talent of the country; and will be the commencement of great things yet to be accomplished in the same direction. Although the time was brief, a large number competed for the prizes.

The committee to whom the manuscripts were referred, have awarded the prize for the best poem to the writer of "Vignettes from Newfoundland History." This fine effort, and other compositions by the competitors for the prizes, evincing decided talent, will be found in our CHRISTMAS NUMBER. The prize for the best story has been awarded to the writer of "Hopes from the Sea, a Newfoundland love story, founded on fact."

Not the least interesting of the attractive features of our Christmas Number are the favors of our advertising patrons. We do not forget that without their patronage we could not afford to issue this expensive publication; and we do trust that they will receive value a hundred-fold for their tact and enterprise in bringing their business before our thousands of readers; and for this we deem it our duty to advise a reference to the advertising pages of the DAILY COLONIST on all occasions before making purchases.

To those, also, who have kindly responded to the invitation to contribute to our pages we return our cordial thanks. We have had an embarrassment of riches in this way, and in order to give as much variety as space would permit we have been reluctantly obliged to defer publishing several valuable and interesting stories, poems, sketches and articles, until the beginning of the New Year.

The COLONIST, we hope, will be the medium through which many of the fair daughters and bright sons of dear Terra Nova will yet "enter the gates of fame;" and now, in modestly inviting you, gentle reader, to the unpretending repast set before you in the pages of our Christmas Number, we feel happy ourselves in anticipating that it will contribute in helping you to spend A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

A TEMPEST IN A TEA-POT.

We had the pleasure of a visit from the Postmaster-General this morning, who informed us that he would interdict us from forwarding the COLONIST CHRISTMAS NUMBER, except by the regular mail steamers, one of which would leave here on Wednesday next. He also threatened us with the terrors of the Attorney-General if we persisted in carrying out our intention of obliging those who desire to send the CHRISTMAS COLONIST to their friends abroad. On asking if a supplementary mail would be made up and forwarded by the Portia, he informed us that the Portia would not take a mail. On calling, subsequently, at the office of the agent of the steamer we were informed that they would be only too happy to forward a mail, if the Postmaster-General paid for it.

Now, we give credit to the hon. Mr. Frazer for attending to what he considers his duty, and hence, feel in no wise offended at him; but we know, not only our duty, but understand our rights as well, and we believe it is strictly within our right to forward parcels of the CHRISTMAS COLONIST as freight, to our agents in Halifax, London, New York, or any other part of the world. Our agents will pay the full postage rates, on each and every copy of the publication, from these points, to their proper addresses. The book-stores in St. John's receive all, or nearly all, of their newspapers and periodicals as freight from England and America. These foreign publications are sent throughout Newfoundland without paying postage. Under this circumstance, we cannot understand how it can be against the

regulations of the Postal Union to pass our publication through mails, especially when the full rates will be pre-paid, unless, indeed, a Newfoundland has no rights which outside barbarians are bound to respect.

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OUR COASTAL SERVICE.

The following extract taken from a letter received by a gentleman in town from a friend to the westward, speaks for itself. We hope that this matter will be immediately grappled with by the Government. "It is absolutely necessary that suitable boats should be provided for our coastal service. We arrived here to-day after a most wretched time blowing a gale ahead all the time. We stopped at anchor at Placentia, riding in the roads. Something must be done at once in the way of getting a larger steamer. There were about twelve (including myself) who had no berth. The majority of them had to lie about the floor of the cabin for three nights, and that, too, in such weather. There are no lounges, sofas, or even seats of any kind, to repose on. It is quite barbarous, and the men complained much of having to pay full fare and being so badly treated. I am told that this is always the case; that the Curlew never has room now, on leaving St. John's, for all the passengers, and it is much more so now during the worse season of the year. We must insist on getting on a boat of superior accommodation during the coming summer. There ought to be room for at least forty saloon passengers, with lounges for sick persons, and a smoking-room, etc. The Curlew would do admirably for the contemplated route between Sydney and the West Coast. Nothing should interfere with this matter, even if there is to be a general change after the completion of the Placentia Railway. That ought not to interfere with a slip being secured next spring for this route. A boat a little smaller than the Portia would do."

The distance of the new line of road just finished, from Channel to Cape Ray, is ten miles and not two as the types made us say in yesterday's description of the road.

SUPREME COURT.

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BOWRING BROS.

Correspondence.

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(To the Editor of the Colonist.)

ST. JOHN'S, Dec. 21, 1886.

DEAR SIR,—Some time ago letters published by the COLONIST complained of the unrestricted sale of liquor by "shebeens" in Barne's Lane. On the night the second letter appeared a policeman ostentatiously paraded before the suspected houses, which were, of course, as quiet as churches. From that time until the present no officer visited the locality, unless it were to get an unofficial drink, and the unlicensed sale of liquor, accompanied by disorderly conduct, goes on unrestrainedly even on Sunday. Unless some determined and successful effort be made to drive the "shebeens" from Barne's Lane and similar places, the public will be convinced that the whole police force, from the Inspector downwards, are leagued to protect the law-breakers. When Inspector Carty was in charge of the police he gave no quarter to the "unlicensed pest," and it's about time his successor showed equal ability and conscientiousness in the same direction.

Yours truly,
LAW OBSERVER.

GOOD FOR ABERDEEN.

The Earl of Aberdeen, with commendable promptness, has acceded to the wish of the new home-rule league in Great Britain, and will be its presiding officer. He learned a thing or two about the need of local self-rule when in Ireland, and knows, as well he may, that the union is a symbol of misgovernment, an iron yoke, on the necks of Irishmen, and a shackle on the people of his own country.

Earl Spencer, who perhaps knows even more than the Scottish Lord about the misrule of Ireland, and whose conversion to the creed of home rule was a

slap in the face for the Tories, is with him. The Marquis of Ripon, who is, all things considered, the best man in the peerage of England, a Catholic, a scholar and a consummate diplomat, is also with him.

The influence of this triad will certainly be very great in pushing forward the popular cause, and making the home rule doctrine popular among the apathetic and formidable to the "Old England" element. Ideas that come to stay make a slow and laborious entrance especially when they assail the dense intellect of John Bull. Aberdeen, formerly lord-lieutenant of Ireland, will prove, in his new, unofficial capacity, a potent ally to Mr. Gladstone.

The great drawbacks to this otherwise healthy climate, are the long winter and wet spring, when our streets are flooded with snow-water. But if you are careful to see that your boots are soled with "Adamantine" leather, you may laugh defiance at all kinds of weather.

BOWRING BROS.

THE IRISH WAR GOING ON.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—There was no panicky feeling in the stock market to-day, though stocks were weak and active with rather downward tendency.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—Despatches from Mandalay state that Colonel Heyland, with a body of British troops, recently pursued 700 Dacoits and killed 200 of them; many others were made prisoners. Stores of ammunition were seized in several places.

The Daily News says Lord Salisbury has carried a majority of the cabinet with him, in adopting Mr. Goschen's views of a local government bill, as opposed to those of Lord Randolph Churchill backed by Mr. Chamberlain, who wanted the original measure drafted by Sir Charles Dilke and elaborated by Chamberlain. The bill will therefore not be based upon elective principles, and will probably create a dissension in the Unionist party.

Cardiff, Dec. 16.—Farmers in the north of Wales are resisting the collection of church tithes. In one section of the country farmers expelled the collecting bailiffs from the farms, and escorted them out of the district. It is feared that the movement on the part of Welshmen may lead to serious results.

BERLIN, Dec. 16.—The public feeling of uneasiness, owing to the war scare, is beginning visibly to affect business and retard enterprise. It is reliably stated that Count Von Moltke, at a dinner yesterday, gave it as his opinion that there would be no war while Emperor William lives. The Emperor William has acceded to the request of the New Guinea Company to extend letters of protection granted to them so as to include the Salmon Islands.

DUBLIN, Dec. 16.—Thomas Mayne, Parnellite member of parliament for Middle Tipperary, who in the capacity of trustee under the "plan of campaign," is receiving from Wexford county tenants the reduced rents refused by landlords and their agents, has been served with notice by the agent of the Brooke's estate, that if he makes any other use of the moneys so deposited with him than to return them to the tenants the law will be applied to him. This threat if carried out will test the question of the rights of tenants to permit their entrusted rents to be expended in fighting the landlords or the government in prosecutions for participation in the "plan of campaign."

The United Ireland says John Dillon's line of conduct will not be changed by the government's sentence, ordering him to furnish a bond, with two securities for his "good behaviour in future." "Nobody," says O'Brien's United Ireland, "cares a rush for Judge O'Brien's pious opinion concerning the legality of the plan of campaign."

John Dillon, M. P., for east Mayo, William O'Brien, editor of the United Ireland; Matthew Harris, M. P., for east Galway, and David Sheeny, M. P., for south Galway, were arrested to-day in the town of Loughrea, County Galway, charged with conspiracy to defraud. The prisoners have been acting as trustees in conducting the "plan of campaign," and have been receiving rents refused by landlords or landlords' agents. The four men were taken before a magistrate and remanded for a week. In making the arrests the police took away from Mr. Dillon £80, which he had just received in trust from tenants. Dillon struggled with Inspector Davies for possession of the rent money seized by the latter. The four gentlemen arrested gave bail in £200 each. It is rumored that the police have been instructed to pursue a similar course in the case of other Nationalist rent collectors. The Nationalist league officers have decided to continue their present tactics. Several of them will leave Dublin to-morrow for various parts of Ireland for the purpose of receiving rents.

Dillon has obtained a cross summons against Inspector Davies for assault. The news of the arrests created the greatest excitement in Dublin, but there were no disorders.

An immense nationalist demonstration was held at Loughrea to-day. Father Cunningham presided, and a number of other clergymen, and Messrs

Dillon, O'Brien, Harris and Sheehy were on the platform. A large contingent of Lord Clanricarde's tenants were present. Messrs Dillon and O'Brien addressed the meeting, and then opened Nationalist rent offices. Hundreds of tenants came forward and paid their rents. Suddenly the police raided the offices. Inspector Davies seized the money, documents and books, and arrested Dillon. It is alleged that Dillon was roughly treated by the inspector. The police proceeded up stairs and took possession of more money and documents. They then arrested O'Brien, and afterwards Messrs Harris and Sheehy. The specific charge against the four men is that they were conspiring to induce tenants not to pay their lawful rents.

CAN'T SING AND HAVE BABIES.

Ladies who expect to remain good singers must not expect to have babies. This is well settled. There never was yet a prima donna who sang as well after maternity as before; very few sang as well after marrying as before. Gerster has had a baby, and is now reported to have lost her voice. Sembrich has a baby too. The effect in the latter case may not be disastrous, but it will be deteriorating. Patti made her fame before she was married. She is one of the few great singers who has preserved the freshness of her voice after a matrimonial adventure. Pareppa Rosa made her name and fortune before she married her little manager. The same is true of Nilsson. Neither had children. Jenny Lind lost her voice when she married and had babies. Clara Louise Kellogg, knowing the risk, concluded not to marry. Nevada, everybody knows, has a baby. The result on her vocal chords has not yet been announced. Further illustration is unnecessary. When a woman gets married and has a baby, some of her vocal talent is sacrificed to the youngster. This is one of the mean things in creation, for while the public may be willing to pay \$2,000 a night to hear the mamma sing, it will not give two cents to hear the baby.—Chicago News.

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BOWRING BROS.

Local and other Items.

The markets are completely stocked with holiday goods marked at low prices.

Wilsons cake lottery is announced for to-night in Mr. J. M. Lynch's auction rooms Becks Cove.

The highest point attained by thermometer during the last twenty-four hours was 47 lowest 34.

The steamer Portia will leave for Halifax and New York to-morrow morning at ten o'clock.

Lash's lottery was very successful last night and will continue this evening, commencing at 6.30 o'clock.

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The lucky ones in R. Callahan's cake lottery are: Hannah Dooley, 1st prize; M. Coaker, 2nd prize; H. L. Ellis, 3rd prize; T. Lamb, 4th prize; Miss Southcott, 5th prize; Mary Louise, 6th prize.

Rev. William Doughty, who went west by the steamer Curlew this evening has completely recovered from his bad cold from the effects of which he was suffering since his arrival here some weeks since.

The ladies and gentlemen connected with the Mikado performance with a number of their friends enjoyed a sociable time at the Star of the Sea Hall last night. There were about fifty couples present. Refreshment were provided during the night, and dancing was kept up till three this morning. Professor Bennett's band was present and rendered all the Mikado airs.

Births.

WALSH—On the 22nd inst., the wife of Mr. Michael Walsh, of a son.

Marriages.

DEADY—This morning, Mary Hanna, youngest child of Kate and the late John Dedy, aged 1 year and 10 months

Deaths.

MACQUEEN—MARTIN—At Brooklyn, New York, on Monday, 6th inst., by the Rev. Dr. Norton, Mr. James M. Macqueen, of Edinburgh, Scotland, to Emma Rachael, eldest daughter of Mr. J. F. Martin, of this city.